

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending, claims 8 and 15 are canceled, and claims 1 and 16 are amended.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

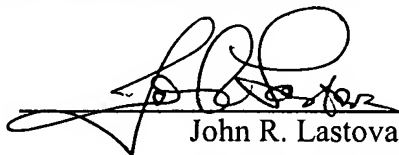
The undersigned appreciates the courtesies extended during the interview conducted on July 15, 2009. The new rejection was discussed, and the undersigned outlined differences between claims 1 and 16 and the applied art. Amendments to claims 1 and 16 as presented here in this response were discussed and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Support for the amendments is found in claim 8.

The application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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